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SUBJECT: GUYANA FONMIN WILLS' COMMENTS ON PARIS TALKS

1. JULY 11 "GUYANA CHRONICLE" REPORTED FONMIN WILLS' INTERVIEW CONCERNING RECENT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE HELD IN PARIS. HE SAID MAJOR WEAKNESSES OF TALKS WERE INADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SETTING THAT WAS NOT NEUTRAL. WILLS POINTED OUT THAT DEVELOPING WORLD HAD TRIED TO IMPRESS DEVELOPED NATIONS WITH URGENT NEED TO COMBAT WORLD POVERTY BY WORKING THROUGHT UN SYSTEM--ESPECIAL-LY UNCTAD--BUT RESPONSE HAD BEEN TO TAKE DISCUSSION OUT OF UN SYSTEM WHERE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD MAJORITY AND PUT IT IN PARIS. AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD HAD SOME SUCCESS IN CONVEYING URGENCY OF PROBLEM. AFTER DESCRIBING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WORK STILL TO BE DONE, WILLS WARNED THAT GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS GROWING. AND THAT POVERTY OF DEVELOPING WORLD IS MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FACTOR IN MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO BRING DEVELOPING STATES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSISTENCE LEVELS SO THAT THEY CAN PRODUCE SURPLUS, GENERATE CONSUMER DEMAND, AND GAIN SAVINGS TO FINANCE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH. WILLS MAINTAINED THAT PAST AID RELATIONSHIPS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING WORLD SHOWED NEITHER URGENCY NOR RELEVANCE TO NEEDS.

3. COMMENT: WILLS' COMMENTS ARE REITERATION OF

GOG POSITION THAT DIALOGUES ON NORTH-SOUTH AND OTHER ISSUES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK, WHICH WILLS HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO US CHARGE. CONSIDERING ITSELF A THIRD WORLD AND CARIBBEAN SPOKESMAN, THE GOG IS ACUTELY SENSITIVE TO WHAT IS PERCEIVES AS EFFORTS TO BYPASS SMALL LDC'S, EVEN THOUGH PRIVATELY WILLS CONCEDES THAT SMALLER MEETINGS HAVE GREATER CHANCES TO REACH COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS. BLACKEN

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